

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Salvatore Anastasi on 12/17/09.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 35-38, 43, 44 and 47 have been canceled.

34. (currently amended) An electrical plug connection, comprising:

a first plug having a ~~partition~~ peripheral seal and a first plug housing having sidewalls, and each of the sidewalls having with at least one projection receiving opening formed therein in a sidewall of the first plug housing;

a second plug configured for fitting in ~~an a partition wall~~ opening in a ~~partition wall~~, the second plug having an extended portion being ~~mateable with~~ insertable into the first plug such that the peripheral seal substantially surrounds the partition wall opening in the ~~partition wall~~ when the first and second plugs are mated;
and

a clamping device provided on the first plug that is configured for drawing the first plug into engagement with the second plug, the clamping device engaging with the second plug through ~~each~~ the at least one projection receiving opening and;

~~in the first plug housing at a connection region, the connection region being provided with~~ a sealing member arranged ~~in~~ around each projection receiving opening ~~the connection region~~ and configured to seal each of the projection receiving openings and the extended portion ~~in the connection region~~ between the clamping device and the second plug.

39. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the clamping device is a sliding device including at least one guide rail that engages with a pin-like projection formed on the extended portion of the second plug.

40. (currently amended) The plug connection of claim 39, wherein the projection extends through ~~each~~ a respective projection receiving opening in the first plug housing and into engagement with the guide rail of the sliding device, ~~each opening being provided with the sealing member along the periphery of the opening.~~

41. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 39, wherein the clamping device is slideable in a direction substantially transverse to a direction of engagement of the first and second plugs.

42. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the second plug is provided with a sealing projection configured for engagement with the sealing member.

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45. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the sealing member is an O-ring.

46. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the sealing member is a spray-on seal.

48. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 34, wherein the second plug includes a resilient catch arm configured for engagement with the opening.

49. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 48, wherein the second plug includes a locking device moveable to a locked position for preventing movement of the resilient catch arm when the resilient catch arm is engaged with the opening.

50. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 49, wherein the locking device is mounted on the second plug by a hinge-like connection.

51. (previously presented) The plug connection of claim 49, wherein the locking device prevents engagement of the first and second plugs when the locking device is not in the locked position.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hien D. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-2016. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

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